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High School Reflection

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My time in high school was spent by participating in sports, taking a few challenging (and a few easy) courses, and making friends. For the most part, I enjoyed everything that I got out of high school, largely because I believe I put in a lot of effort to make my high school experience better than that of the average student. For my Context Statement, I will be analyzing Chariho Public High School, which is composed of students from the towns of Charlestown, Richmond, and Hope Valley. The school is very similar to Coventry High School (where I attended), and I have actually been to Chariho High School for wrestling matches before.

That being said, part of my high school experience was influenced by my participation in my school’s wrestling team. I was on the varsity squad from my Sophomore year onward, and I was a captain of the team during my Junior and Senior years. Being on the team gave me an extra purpose in school, in addition to simply making friends and doing coursework. However, students in poor school districts such as East St. Louis aren’t able to have such a luxury of a high school education. Coventry High School was fairly clean, staffed with great teachers, and financially well off. When compared to the schools that have raw sewage seeping up through the flooring, Coventry High School sounds like paradise. Furthermore, the student population isn’t all from an impoverished demographic, and the general presence of money in the district is enough to keep Coventry High a safe and clean learning environment.